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March 12, 2014

Dear Training Entity/Vendor:

Please be advised the Board adopted the following policy:

It is Board policy to certify in-service courses of any length if delivered in a satisfactory format. All in-service courses shall be delivered and certified through the Mobile Team system unless the course and/or venue is approved by the Board on an individual basis. The Mobile Teams shall have the first option of providing all in-service courses. If the Mobile Team declines the delivery of any course within its region for reasons other than duplication, the Board may determine whether the course is otherwise certifiable and/or reimbursable based upon the best interests of law enforcement. Board certificates may be provided to individuals that the Mobile Team Unit can identify as having successfully completed a Board-certified course. Certification shall be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis. Certified courses scheduled to be conducted by private vendors between January 1, 2014 and June 30, 2014 shall be exempt from this revision. (Adopted Quarterly Board Meeting December 12, 2013)

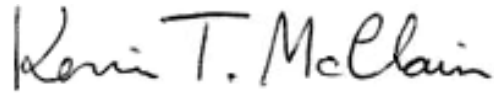
Over the years, the Board and law enforcement have relied on the superior quality and dedicated services, training, and curriculum provided by program vendors in Illinois. We appreciate all of your past efforts and look forward to continuing a relationship with experienced law enforcement trainers.

The underlying precept for the Board policy is this: Any vendor that wants course certification is required to go through the MTU system. If a vendor desires to put on a course in the State of Illinois, Board certification is contingent upon going through a mobile team. The "bottom line" for the Board has been and will always be: "What is best for law enforcement". If an MTU declines a vendor's course for reasons other than duplication, the vendor may still present their course to the Board for certification, perhaps with reimbursement, if the vendor can show the course is in the best interest of law enforcement.

Even though the MTUs are allowed to issue Board certificates effective January 1, the condition that vendors go through MTUs is delayed until FY 2015 (July 1, 2014). This delay allows MTUs and vendors time to coordinate courses; therefore, the Board allowed courses already scheduled and organized by vendors to continue as approved until July 1. It is recommended that vendors and MTUs begin the process of working together to implement this new partnership and arrangement as soon as possible.

This policy is in conformity with previous Board policies and actions. By giving this control and consolidation authority to the MTUs, the Board has done what it established as a policy in 1969. Consequently, this new policy merely implements the Board's long standing policy to insure quality control through the Mobile Team Units. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Director, Larry Smith, (larry.n.smith@illinois.gov) or Pat Hahn, Manager of In-Service Training, (patrick.l.hahn@illinois.gov).

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin T. McClain". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin T. McClain, Executive Director
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cc: MTUs
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